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### **New budget for dash camera video systems approved by Austin City Council**

Today the Austin City Council passed an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Police Department Capital Budget to allow \$3,500,000 for the digital vehicular video system project.

The new system will provide a fully-integrated, solid state system for digital video and audio capture, storage, transfer, and video management and the archival of recorded files on high capacity secure digital memory cards or solid state hard drives. In addition, file transmission will take place via wireless networks and vehicles will have a minimum of two cameras that can be recorded and viewed simultaneously. Additional features include low light technology for viewing in darkness, wireless microphones with high quality audio at a minimum of 1,000 feet from the receiver, and action-based triggers such as sirens, doors, crash sensors, etc.

Phase I of this process will include the implementation of the video system in 43 police vehicles. Upon successful technical implementation of Phase I, a full roll-out to additional patrol cars and motorcycles will begin (Phase II). Staff will return to Council at the time to request additional project funding.

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